



### CLAIM OR CLAIMS

1-16 (cancelled)

I claim:

17. New. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly comprising:

a suspended pipe;

a flexible hose having a first end and a second end;

a nozzle having an inlet and outlet with a snap ring mounting bracket being disposed on said nozzle;

said flexible hose first end being connected to said pipe and said flexible hose second end being connected to said nozzle outlet;

a tether inside said flexible hose whereby one end of said tether is connected to said pipe and the other end of said tether is connected to said nozzle, said nozzle having a connector wherein said connector is a circular snap ring with at least one cut through said snap ring to accommodate mechanical expansion;

said snap ring being connected to the snap ring mounting bracket at a plurality of points by a plurality of legs; and

said snap ring being capable of connecting and disconnecting from a seat which seat is integral to a separate exhaust pipe adapter which said exhaust pipe adapter is capable of being attached to a vehicle exhaust pipe.

18. New. A vehicle exhaust system hose and coupling assembly of claim 17 wherein ambient air is allowed to infiltrate into the inlet of said nozzle.